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RESPONSE

This is in response to the Office Action dated March 31, 2006 for the above-identified application.

REMARKS

Claims 1 to 5 are pending in the Application. Claims 1-5 are rejected. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection of record is requested in view of the following comments:

Rejection under 35 USC §103(a)

Claims 1-5 are again rejected under 35 USC §103(a) as being unpatentable over Sisler (U.S. Patent No. 6,194,350) ("Sisler") and Huang, et. al, Chinese Soc. Hort. Sci., 49(1): 55-62, 2003 ("Huang"). The Office Action states that Sisler teaches methods of applying to plants an effective ethylene response-inhibiting amount of cyclopropene derivatives, including method of inhibiting abscission in plants and methods of prolonging the life of cut flowers, and the abstract of Huang teaches that pretreatment of flowers with a mixture containing 1-MCP under low pressure resulted in prolongation of vase life of flowers.

Page 4 of Huang, section number 2 discloses that the orchid flowers are first treated with 1-methylcyclopropene under ambient conditions and then fumigated at reduced pressure. (see translation page 4, lines 7-13). In most of the examples there is a simulated transportation step